

# Pike County Health Department

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## News Release COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

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**Pittsfield, IL** – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) received the 2nd shipment of the Pfizer vaccine on January 6, 2021 allowing those who received their 1<sup>st</sup> doses of Pfizer vaccine on December 17-18 to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

PCHD received 100 additional doses of the Moderna vaccine on January 11, 2021 and plans to vaccinate the remainder of those in Phase 1A later this week. PCHD expects to receive vaccine weekly now and will be notifying the public via new releases to the local newspapers, WBBA radio, and the local news channels of when vaccine will be available and to which groups. PCHD must follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as to when residents can be vaccinated and in what order. In addition, limited amounts of vaccine are still being shipped to PCHD at this time.

IDPH and PCHD anticipates moving to Phase 1B beginning next week. Those in Phase 1B include people aged 65 years and older and frontline essential workers. Frontline essential workers include workers in the following categories: first responders, corrections, food and agriculture, postal service, manufacturing, grocery stores, public transit, education, and daycare. If your business falls into one of these categories please survey your employees to see how many would like to be vaccinated, then call PCHD with the information. If you are 65 years and older, please call PCHD to begin the pre-registration process at 217-285-4407.

IDPH now has a new hashtag specifically to showcase Illinoisans getting their COVID-19 vaccine. Those with social media accounts can post pictures of themselves getting the vaccine and include the hashtag **#VaxUpIL**.

Information on vaccinations in Illinois by county is now available at: [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata). For updates on Pike County COVID-19 cases, please go to our website at <https://www.pikecountyil.org/health-department/health-departmentpress-releases/>.

**For general questions about the COVID-19 virus, call 1-800-889-3931.**

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